

REGULAR MEETING

Mayor and Council

Borough of Harrington Park, New Jersey

April 18, 2022

(PAH) Call Meeting to Order

Time: 7:05pm

Mayor's Announcement:

In compliance with Chapter 231, Public Law 1975, adequate notice of the meeting was made. It is included in the Annual Meetings posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Center. Copies have been emailed to the BERGEN RECORD and SUBURBANITE. A copy has been filed with the Borough Clerk, and copies have been provided to individuals requesting the same.

(ALB) Roll Call:

	PRESENT	ABSENT
NAPOLITANO(AN)	x	
EVANELLA (GE)	x	
BLACKINTON(WB)	x	
WALKER (DW)	x	
PEDERSEN (JP)	x	
CHUNG (JC)	x	

Also present:

Ms. Ann H. Bistriz, Borough Clerk (ALB)

Mr. John Dineen, Borough Attorney (JRD)

(PAH) Flag Salute

(PAH) Suspension of the Regular Order of Business

Motion GE

Second JP

Vote AIF

(PAH) Meeting Open to the Public

Motion GE

Second JP

Vote AIF

Ms. O'Neil-First Street was present on behalf of the Junior Woman's Club enabling the organization to be aware of events and happenings in the Borough.

(PAH) Open Space Hearing-Tennis Courts Phase 2

Application of the Borough of Harrington Park for Bergen County Trust Fund Municipal Program for Park Development grant funding for 2022.

TAKE NOTICE: that the Borough of Harrington Park will hold a Public Hearing on submitting the following application to the 2022 funding round of the Bergen County Trust Fund Municipal Program for Park Development:

- George Street Tennis Courts Improvements Project, Block 901, Lot 1, Harrington Park NJ 07640
- The proposed project represents Phase II of improvements for the George Street Park tennis courts. Phase I of the project is to include improvements to two of the four existing tennis courts. Phase II on the project will include the excavation of the remaining two tennis courts, reconstruction of the tennis court pavement cross-section, application of surface treatment, and re-striping of the same. Installation of new tennis nets, posts and appurtenances, and repair of the existing damaged fence is also included in Phase II.

Councilwoman Chung explained the Recreation Commission plan to submit an application for a second round of funding to complete the Tennis Courts all at one time. The original submission will only cover half of the existing tennis courts. After discussion with the Recreation Commission, it would be best to do the complete project all at one time which will allow a continuity in design and construction.

In addition, by combining the two grants, the total costs should be less since much of the management, design work and engineering does not have to be done twice.

The Borough should hear in December of this year, enabling the project to begin in the Spring of 2023.

In the interim, Neglia Engineering can design the project and have everything in place so the bid process can begin early in 2023.

Recreation has chosen to go out for bid for Phase I to see what the results would actually cover. If the bid is good, the Phase II project can be updated to address another Open Space need such as field and drainage improvements.

GE Inquired into the event that the Borough “Penny Tax” that supplements our Municipal Open Space Fund, are there other grants or means to supplement this project. JC clarified that these are matching grants and that there is sufficient funds to match these submissions.

AN asked if the second submission is in line with the vision of the Recreation Commission. AN was assured that at this juncture, Recreation is on board to going out to bid on the Phase I and see what the market cost is for such a project. From there they can make an educated decision.

(PAH) Meeting Open to the Public for Discussion of Open Space Grant Only

Motion GE

Second AN

Vote AIF

No public for discussion

(PAH) Meeting Closed to the Public

Motion GE

Second AN

Vote AIF

(JC) Made Motion to approve Resolution (Addendum F)
Second DW
Roll Call Vote -AIF

(PAH) Minutes Approval
March 21, 2022
Motion GE
Second AN
Vote AIF

(PAH) Consent Agenda-Resolutions-

All matters listed under this section are considered to be routine by the Borough Council and will be enacted by one motion as listed below. There will not be separate discussion of these items. Should discussion be desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately under New or Old Business on the Agenda.

Consent Approval:

Addendums A-D

- (A) 2022-70 Signage for Norwood Raiders**
- (B) 2022-71 Junior Firefighter-Ayush A. Damwani**
- (C) 2022-72 Bergen County Mosquito Control Division**
- (D) 2022-73 Resolution to Advertise for Bid-Highland Concession Restrooms**

Motion JP
Second JC
Discussion None
Roll Call Vote AIF

Individual Committee Reports

(PAH) Mayor Hoelscher

Power Lines Orange and Rockland –no updates at this time. Lines are no longer being used –they are just esthetically not pleasing to some.

(AN) Planning Bd., Bd. of Adjustment, Construction, Fire, Ambulance

Ambulance Corps

31 Calls 11 Mutual Aid

Fire Department

15 Calls, 2 drills, 1 Meeting each-Company, Chief, Officers, Interborough

Special Training in Orangeburgh, NY

Driver Training

49 calls YTD up 75% over 2021

(GE) Police, Municipal Court, Personnel

Uptick in police activity, much like the Fire and Ambulance

1008 calls, 146 traffic details, 9 sick days (5 officers).

OT \$5834.72 (\$4513.54 due to sick time)

94 Summonses (36 equipment, 11 moving violations, 47 parking) YTD 164

136 warnings issued YTD 218

8 accidents (2 injuries)

Patrol mileage 5173 YTD 12,349

The 2 new officers are still going through field training.

Lt. Kiely has been trained at the Bergen County Academy. Other officers will follow.

Officers Leeman and Pedersen have concluded the LEAD program at the HP School.

(WB) Board of Health, Environmental Commission

No meeting for Board of Health

Environmental Commission met April 6, 2022

Discussion took place regarding a community garden, water/drainage issues that may stem from construction in Old Tappan and consideration of promoting cardboard recycling at the Borough Recycling Center.

Shred Day event will be held April 23, 2022 in the Borough Hall Parking Lot.

(DW) DPW, Building & Grounds, Sanitation/Recycling

During the month of March the DPW addressed drainage issues, cleared catch basins, provided litter details where necessary and swept the streets and parking lots throughout the Borough.

In addition lawn mowers and chain saws were prepared and sharpened for service, fields were prepared for sports and for the field maintenance company, spring clean ups and mulching done in all the parks and municipal locations.

Seasonal meters were turned on by Suez

Salting on weather events on March 9 and 12 as well as clearing of downed tree on Glen Avenue.

The skating pond was emptied and hockey equipment was organized for the committee in charge of hockey.

8900 pounds of white goods taken to market.

Curbside Collection 53.1 tons.

(JP) Finance, Admin. & Exec., Grants

No report

(JC) Recreation Commission, Liaison to Board of Education, Public Information

Successful Opening Day for Spring sports. Parade was well attended. Mayor Hoelscher threw out the first ball of the season. Reverend Sayer blessed everyone, Sadie Beavers sang the National Anthem. BBQ was organized through donations from Shoprite.

Thank you everyone who helped organize and thank you to Steve Nappi who helped prepare the fields and the parade route.

JC organized a meeting with members of Recreation and Mr. Nappi to discuss concerns and protocols for the sports season and use of the fields.

Upper Field #5 has some water/drainage issues. Neglia Engineering and the field maintenance company have been requested to review and advise what may be necessary.

JC will discuss further at next meeting.

(ALB) Borough Clerk/Administrator

Please take the time to file Financial Disclosure Statements

Old Business

None

New Business

(ALB) Film Permit-South Avenue-Addendum E

ALB requested guidance from Council regarding locations, time of filming, staging of equipment and parking.

Original request for a Friday/Saturday event has been switched to a Sunday event, starting at 7am. Council permission is required for Sunday work.

Council was comfortable with Sunday filming since it may have less of an impact on the neighborhood since residents would not have to leave to go to work or bring their children to school. Accessibility to the homeowners to come and go as they please during the day was discussed.

It was determined that filming takes place in 4 homes and each location should have a filming fee applied.

Council requested everyone in the area be noticed so they are aware of the activity in their neighborhoods.

ALB will reach out to the producer and discuss the concerns of Council and reach out to Council if there are any other concerns.

(JC) Swim Club Lease

JC would like to meet with AN, DW and JRD to renew the existing contract/Lease with the Swim Club.

(ALB) Cancel May 9 Meeting

May 16, 2022 and May 23, 2022 (Budget Adoption).

Council was in agreement to the Schedule change.

(PAH) Mayor's Report

(PAH) Motion for Closed Session Time: 8:04pm

Second

Vote

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 permits a public body to conduct business in Closed Session during a public meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council deem it necessary to discuss certain matters in Closed Session as permitted by the aforesaid statute.

(AN) Property Maintenance Potential Litigation

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that discussion of the aforementioned subjects may be made public at such time as disclosure of the discussion will not detrimentally affect the interest and Borough as to said discussion.

Return to Open Session 8:15pm

Adjournment-Time: 8:16 pm

Motion: JP

Second: DW

Vote: AIF

**Addendum A
Resolution
2022-70**

Signage for Norwood Raiders

Whereas, the Norwood Raiders has requested to place signs at the intersections of Blanch Avenue and Lafayette Road, and Schraalenburgh Road and Tappan Road in the Borough of Harrington Park; and

Whereas, these signs will help generate registration of Harrington Park children to participate in this program

Whereas, this program will take place in the Borough of Norwood; and

Whereas, all signs shall be removed after the closing of registration or if other signs are requested for the same locations.

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Harrington Park will permit the placement of signs as noted above to help advertise the Norwood Raiders program which is open to all Harrington Park children.

Be It Further Resolved, that any signs will not block line of sight for drivers and that the Police Department, Department of Public Works and the Building Department will be provided a copy of this resolution.

**Addendum B
Resolution
2022-71**

Harrington Park Volunteer Fire Department Junior Membership

WHEREAS the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Harrington Park approve the admittance of the following member in the Harrington Park Junior Volunteer Fire Department:

Ayush A. Damwani

BE IT RESOLVED that applicants shall also be approved for membership with the signed permission of his/her parent or guardian and medical examination.

**Addendum C
Resolution
2022-72**

Bergen County Mosquito Control Division

WHEREAS, the Bergen County Mosquito Control Division conducts aerial spraying for mosquito larvae during breeding month; and

WHEREAS, by law the division must be granted permission by the Borough of Harrington Park for the Bergen County Mosquito Control Division to aerial spray for mosquito larvae during the summer months of 2022, and

WHEREAS, the Harrington Park Board of Health's request of prior notification of spraying as to the date(s), hour and location, so residents may take precautions as they seem fit, and

WHEREAS, the Borough has beehives at the back area of Highland Field (Tappan Road) mulch pile and tree bank, and all precautions shall be taken to preserve the hive and bees' health and safety.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Borough of Harrington Park permits the Bergen County Mosquito Control Division conducts aerial spraying where necessary within the municipality.

Addendum D

Resolution

2022-73

RESOLUTION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Harrington Park, Bergen County, New Jersey upon the recommendation of the Borough Engineer, Michael J. Neglia, that the plans & specifications for:

HIGHLAND FIELD CONCESSION / RESTROOM BUILDING (BERGEN COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDED)

BOROUGH OF HARRINGTON PARK

BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

Are hereby approved and the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized to advertise for bids. This Resolution to take effect immediately.

Addendum E

Resolution

2022-74

Permission to Film South Avenue and Vicinity

~~WHEREAS~~, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Harrington Park have determined that commercial filming is a commercial enterprise that occurs largely in commercial and residential areas in Harrington Park; and

~~WHEREAS~~, the Mayor and Council have determined that it is in the best interests of the Borough to regulate commercial filming within the Borough in order to maintain the natural tranquility, health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Borough of Harrington Park;

~~WHEREAS~~, The film company Big Fish Entertainment has requested a permit, in writing, directed to the Borough of Harrington Park, which has been reviewed by the Mayor and Council, at least 10 days prior to the date of filming at a regularly scheduled council meeting. In such notification, the film company shall advise of the filming dates, exact location, and name and contact information of the person in charge of filming, and name of insurance carrier.

~~WHEREAS~~, the cost of the permit shall be \$75.00. The permit shall be valid for up to two consecutive days of filming. No filming is permitted for more than 2 days without a permit extension and no more than 2 (two) permits will be issued to any one property in any 12-month period for purposes of the filming referenced herein.

~~THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED~~, that Big Fish Entertainment, is granted permission to film at the locations of 46,51, 52, 56 South Avenue, as well as staging in the areas of Martha Road and Columbus Avenue.

Addendum F
TRUST FUND APPLICATION
MUNICIPAL ENDORSING RESOLUTION

2022-74

WHEREAS, the Bergen County Open Space, Recreation, Floodplain Protection, Farmland & Historic Preservation Trust Fund (“County Trust Fund”), provides matching grants to municipal governments and to nonprofit organizations for assistance in the development or redevelopment of outdoor municipal recreation facilities; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough of Harrington Park desires to further the public interest by obtaining a matching grant of \$359,820.00 (\$179,910.00 to be provided by the County and \$179,910.00 to be matched by the Borough of Harrington Park) from the County Trust Fund to fund the following project: **George Street Tennis Courts Improvements Project- Phase II**; and,

WHEREAS, the governing body/board has reviewed the County Trust Fund Program Statement, and the Trust Fund Municipal Program Park Improvement application and instructions, and desires to make an application for such a matching grant and provide application information and furnish such documents as may be required; and,

WHEREAS, as part of the application process, the governing body/board received held the required Public Hearing to receive public comments on the proposed park improvements in the application on To Be Completed Upon Scheduling of Public Hearing, 2022; and,

WHEREAS, the County of Bergen shall determine whether the application is complete and in conformance with the scope and intent of the County Trust Fund; and,

WHEREAS, the applicant is willing to use the County Trust Fund in accordance with such rules, regulations and applicable statutes, and is willing to enter into an agreement with the County of Bergen for the above named project and ensure its completion on or about the project contract expiration date.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough of Harrington Park Mayor and Council:

1. That it is hereby authorized to submit the above completed project application to the County by the deadline of May 6, 2022, as established by the County; and,
2. That, in the event of a County Trust Fund award that may be less than the grant amount requested above, the Borough of Harrington Park Mayor and Council has, or will secure, the balance of funding necessary to complete the project, or modify the project as necessary; and,
3. That the Borough of Harrington Park Mayor and Council is committed to providing a dollar for dollar cash match for the project; and
4. That only those park improvements identified and approved in the project application, its Trust Fund contract, or other documentation will be considered eligible for reimbursement.

5. That the Borough of Harrington Park Mayor and Council agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations in its performance of the project; and,

That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Certified as a true copy of the Resolution adopted by the Council

On this _____ day of _____, 20__.

Clerk

My signature and the Clerk's seal serve to acknowledge the above resolution and constitute acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approve the execution of the grant agreement as authorized by the resolution above.

ATTEST and AFFIX SEAL

(Clerk)

(Mayor)